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Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Serial No.: 09/777,774
Title: POWER BALANCED OPTICAL ADD/DROP MULTIPLEXER
AND BALANCING METHODS THEREFORE
Inventor: James E. DeGrange, Jr. and Sridhar Balakrishnan


Sir/Madam:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-referenced patent application.

1. Co-Pending Letter;
2. Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b); and
3. PTO Form 1449 IDS.

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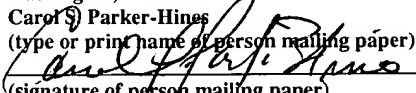
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Examiner: Unassigned

For: POWER BALANCED OPTICAL ADD/)
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LETTER

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. Application(s):

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The subject matter contained in the above-listed co-pending U.S. application(s) may be deemed to relate to the present application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

The above-listed co-pending application(s) is(are) not to be construed as prior art. By bringing the above-listed application(s) to the attention of the Examiner, Applicant(s) do(does) NOT waive any confidentiality concerning the above-listed co-pending application(s) or this application. See MPEP § 101. Furthermore, if said application(s) should not mature into patents,

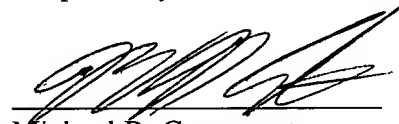
such application(s) should be preserved in secrecy under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.14.

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